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1. ROGER MAYNARD, SHIPBUILDING POLICY DIVISION, DEPT. INDUSTRY, ADVISED EMBOFF THAT THE REASON THERE HAS BEEN NO HEADWAY ON A NEW DIRECTIVE ON AID TO THE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS SUCH AS RENEGOTIATION AND ENERGY PROBLEMS. IN FACT, HE CLAIMS THERE HAVE BEEN NO MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS. FURTHER, HE CLAIMS THAT DESPITE GENERAL PUBLIC BELIEF THAT THE U.K. DOES NOT WANT A NEW DIRECTIVE THEY, IN FACT, HAVE TRIED TO FIND A FORMULA WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THEIR CONCERNS FOR AID TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT AREAS. HE DOES NOT SEE THAT THE U.K. IS LEADING THOSE NATIONS WHO ARE IN DISAGREEMENT OVER THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR A NEW DIRECTIVE, HE BELIEVES THERE IS WIDE DISAGREEMENT AND THE U.K. IS BUT ONE OF THE DISSENTERS.

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2. REGARDING THE NATIONALIZATION OF SHIPBUILDING,

MAYNARD NOTES THAT THIS SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN RAISED AS A MAJOR ISSUE. THE COMMISSION AND THE EC MEMBERS REALLY DO NOT CARE WHO OWNS THE INDUSTRY, THEY ARE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FINANCING OF IT. THUS, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THE OUTSTANDING ISSUE OVER NATIONALIZATION OF SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY IN THE U.K. IS HOLDING UP PROGRESS ON THE NEW DIRECTIVE AT ALL.

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